

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER NO: 19-02-26-06

IN THE MATTER OF DECLARING A LOCAL
EMERGENCY AS A RESULT OF THE
FEBRUARY 25, 2019 SNOW STORM.

WHEREAS, Lane County has experienced a severe snow storm that has caused wide spread power outages and road closures from downed trees and power lines, and:

WHEREAS, temperatures remain low and are not expected to increase for several days, which poses a health risk to residents and creates challenging terrain and travel conditions for residents and first responders; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary assessment of infrastructure damage is widespread and the county needs flexibility in managing resources under the existing emergency conditions, which may include waiving normal contract workforce bid requirements and:

WHEREAS, the County needs to raise public awareness and involve the public in protecting their resources, and:

WHEREAS, Lane County has initially responded but concludes that the snow storm is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant a Local Emergency Declaration, and;

WHEREAS, as a result of the damage caused by the severe snow storm the Lane County the County Administrator will need to authorize immediate spending to bring critical services to Lane County citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the County anticipates it will request the Governor to Declare a Disaster to augment local resources.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of County Commissioners of Lane County **ORDERS** as follows:

1. That a local emergency exists as defined in Lane Code Chapter 20 throughout all of Lane County and;
2. All local resources are being expended and are insufficient to respond to the situation,
3. The County Administrator is authorized under Lane Code Chapter 20 to spend up to \$500,000 in responding to the effects of the severe snow storm; and,
4. This Declaration of Local Emergency shall remain in effect for 14 days.

ADOPTED this 26TH day of February, 2019.



Pete Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of Commissioners